Inadequacies in government schools

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are cognizant of inadequate quality of education, educational infrastructure and other necessary facilities in the neighbourhood Government schools despite Government's priority for providing quality education as proclaimed in National Action Plan for children;

(b) if so, whether Government have any programme to improve the situation;

(c) if so, the details of such programme;

(d) whether Government have assessed the impact of such programme of Government run schools; and

(e) if so, the parameters thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is a national programme of the Government of India for universalisation of elementary education under which several activities have been undertaken to strengthen the quality and infrastructure for elementary education. This includes sanctions for opening of 2.4 lakh new schools, construction of 1.83 lakh school buildings and 6.92 lakh classrooms, recruitment of 10.12 lakh additional teachers to improve the pupil teacher ratio, in-service training of teachers for a period of 20 days every year, free distribution of text books to 6.69 crore SC, ST & girl students in the primary and upper primary classes and regular academic support to primary and upper primary schools through 6746 Block Resource Centres and 70388 Cluster Resource Centres. A National sample survey conducted in 2005 indicated that only about 6% children in the 6-14 years age group were still out of school, showing a major improvement in children going to schools.